

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, David Keene, Jeff Robinson, Brian Leeman. Members Absent: David Kee and Robert Howard.
3. Consider Resolve #R-2011-119 regarding purchase of Map 32 Lot 147.

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-119.

4. Hear report on School Budget from Superintendent of Schools

James Boothby, Superintendent of Schools presented an overview of the school budget noting a continued decline in state aid to local education. With approximately \$1.1 million cut last year, another \$890,000 this year, and more deductions are on its way. Mr. Boothby, along with the RSU Committee, has proposed cutting several positions, reducing two positions from full-time to part-time, and a deduction of one school administrator. Also proposed is the closing of Orland School, which would be approximately \$328,000 savings to the RSU. A vote on May 9th will determine whether the RSU absorbs the \$328,000 or the Town of Orland.

5. Proceed to a budget workshop for the following:
 - a. Highway
 - Highway budget reflects an 1.58% or \$13,687 overall increase, which includes 2.41% or \$1,359 equipment rental, 18.85% or \$11,665 fuel vehicles, 4.20% or \$2,790 salt and calcium and a decrease of -.56% or \$1,821 regular salaries and -.51% or \$306 extra and overtime.
 - Town Garage budget reflects a 4.20% or \$883 overall increase, which includes 10.72% or \$883 fuel cost.
 - b. Solid Waste
 - Solid Waste budget reflects an -.19% or \$753 overall decrease, which includes -11.45% or \$698 insurance, -1.22% or \$59 administrative cost, -17.25% or \$6,077 hauling cost and a increase of 1.56% or \$1,000 regular payroll, 7.87% \$3,391 employee benefits, 17.86 % or \$80 fuel vehicles and .84% or \$1,610
 - Solid Waste Revenues budget reflects a 2.56% or \$4,669 overall increase.
 - c. Wastewater Treatment

-Wastewater Treatment budget reflects an 4.00% or \$19,090 overall increase, which includes.94% or \$500 regular salary, 5.18% or \$983 employee benefits, 21.88% or \$350 office supplies, 13.64% or \$75 software support, 9.25% or \$290 postage, 8.40% or \$210 testing cost, 3.00% or \$2,310 contracted services, 613.49% or \$41,521 contingency cost and a decrease of -6.90% or \$120 telephone, -32.61% or \$2,025 fuel cost, -2.28% or \$58 fuel vehicles, -11.10% or \$13,647 interest and debt cost, -33.75% or \$10,700 reserve and -13.65% or \$599 Orland maintenance.

-Wastewater Treatment Revenues budget reflects a 2.00% or \$8,961 overall increase to user fees.

-Wastewater Treatment CIP includes:

- a. equipment reserve account – purchase new PH meters, replace weather station, new 3 ton trailer and repair skid steer;
- b. plant facilities reserve – relocate to surface PLC and VFD's Station 1, extend driveway to pellet silo and pave, engineering study to remove solids in pretreatment, transfer to equipment reserve and transfer to sewer reserve.

6. Discussion items

Town Manager indicated that energy cost are up so at the May council meeting an item on the agenda will address the option of whether the Town of Bucksport should become a municipal electricity provider.

Councilor Jeff Robinson thanked the Highway Foreman, Duane Nadeau and Staff for the great job they did this past winter.

Brian Leeman echoed Jeff's remarks and added "hats off to you."

Town Manager asked councilors to contact him with any questions regarding the school budget.

7. Adjournment

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary